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APPLICANT: VIRBULIS et al -1

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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON
SINGLE CRYSTAL

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 20, 2003, with the time for reply having been extended for three months from FEBRUARY 20, 2004 until MAY 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this document.

Remarks being on Page 6 of this document.